

THE NEWS.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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FOR SHERIFF.
We are authorized to announce the name of **L. C. Rykendale** as a candidate for the office of sheriff of this county. Election in November next.

We are authorized to announce the name of **W. J. Willis** as a candidate for the office of sheriff of San Saba county. Election in November next.

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We are authorized to announce the name of **W. R. Doran** as a candidate for the office of sheriff of San Saba county. Election in November next.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.
We are authorized to announce **W. O. Handshy** as a candidate for the office of County Clerk of this county at the next election.

FOR TREASURER.
We are authorized to announce **James Doffenmyre** as a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of this county at the next election.

Oats are ripe.

Lands about town are beginning to need rain.

A new barber shop has lately been started in town.

Slight rains in the southern part of the county on Sunday.

Apprentices and peaches are beginning to show signs of ripening.

Woods & McConnell are building an addition to their business house.

Mr. W. T. Lynn has opened a new store on the east side of the public square.

Judge Thomas, who has been sick for a week or so, is now able to resume business.

Yesterday morning a dead dog was lying on the streets, said to have been poisoned.

S. A. Duncan was fined twenty-five dollars on Monday for unlawfully carrying a six-shooter.

The last bouquet of the season was floating around at an early hour on Monday morning.

Mr. W. T. Melton and family returned on Tuesday from a trip to Denton and other counties.

Many kinds of vegetables are in the market, such as Irish potatoes, beets, beans, onions, etc.

Some little rain has fallen in town during the week, and the weather has been cloudy most of the time.

Mr. Armstrong, of Wallace creek, raised a crop of wheat this season which was fully one-third smut.

WANTED.—Trains to freight lumber from Round Rock or Austin. Apply to 32-41 J. M. McKENNA.

Mr. W. Kauffman, one of our enterprising merchants, returned from Galveston on Monday with his bride.

QUERY: "Why will men smoke common tobacco, when they can buy Marlboro Bros. 'Seal of North Carolina,' at the same price?" 33-15

Business is rather dull in town this week. The merchants say this is owing to the fact that all who have farms are busily engaged cutting wheat.

Mr. T. N. O'Connell is yet running the Doffenmyre House, and is furnishing the best of accommodations in every way. Livery stable in connection.

If you want a Cotton Gin or Cotton Press you can get it through Jas. J. M. Smith, Manufacturers' agent, of Burnet, Texas, at bottom prices. 32-9

Mr. D. E. Sims, of Deep creek, brought to town the first of the week nearly four thousand pounds of wool.

Mr. R. G. Murray was the receiver and shipper.

Mr. D. B. O'Brien has a grape cutting, about six inches long, in his yard, and which was set out this year, which is now bearing very good specimens of grapes.

Wheat-threshing has commenced, and it is said is turning out well. Mr. T. W. Ward had a field of wheat near town, considered average, which produced 28½ bushels to the acre.

Mr. A. R. Wood, of Richland creek, this county, brought to town on Monday, a cluster of wheat grown from one grain, which contained one hundred well matured heads.

A heavy rain fell on Sunday in some portions of the county, principally in the western and northern parts, and not coming nearer than about four miles of town.

Capt. J. A. Mohler will open a photographic gallery in this place some time during this month, when he will be pleased to see any and all in need of work in his line. 49

The Press in all ages has been subject to criticisms, and this is as it ought to be; for oftentimes the newspapers of the country are guilty of grievous errors, blunders and mistakes. But notwithstanding these criticisms are sometimes just, and that perhaps newspapers are quite as often wrong as right, we think the most grievous blunder any newspaper could commit would be to try to put forth sentiments to meet the demand or the fancy of the common critic. The News has been complimented of late by numerous assaults on its good faith in announcing such sentiments as have appeared in some particulars in the last few weeks. A few days ago a gentleman came to the office early in the morning and began to scold the office; in every way his wrath ran out against it in such strong terms that he even japed away at the type in the cases, from Great Primer down to Brilliant. It was a long time before any one in the office was able to understand why he was thus mad. (The editor was not in; it was well he was not, for he might have got whipped.) He told the boys that he wanted to know who was responsible for the statements, and they replied, in a diplomatic way, that he who was not present was responsible. The grievous man said he was poor, but had been raised respectable, and that his name had been used in the paper with the wrong initials to it, and therefore he could clean up the office of all such who would try to bring odium upon him in that way. It was not until the "boys" explained that the name together with the initials belonged to a former President of the United States, that this enraged Adamicite went away, and seemingly satisfied. Another gentleman poured down his wrath on the News, because the News had given him a respectable notice. It had been a long time since he had been treated so before; perhaps it will be a long time before he will receive similar treatment again. Another gentleman also became enraged, and sent out an unlimited number of phials of wrath, coupled with deep-seated oaths without number, and all for no cause at all, except that we told the truth about him. He must have considered this an encroachment on his rights. Again late on Saturday evening a gentleman came into the office laboring under great embarrassment, as it seemed, and tried to tell something, but he couldn't. He then stepped to the door, caught a new breath or two, and returning remarked in a very confused way that if we pleased not to mention his condition in the News, and we promised. (We haven't said what ailed him.) It was strange, though, that the man came in to tell about it. All these attacks, no matter how they were intended, we take as complimentary, and they furnish food for reflection, this is a consolation in itself. These episodes put one in mind of other days: A short time before the writer came to this State he was engaged as an occasional correspondent for a weekly periodical in the Cranberry State, and while in that capacity a fight occurred in a small town near where the paper was published, in which one man was killed, and others badly damaged. It so happened that but few saw the fatal shot and consequently the evidence at the examining trial had a limited range, and, in fact, was confined principally to one witness. This witness testified in a straightforward way and lay the burden of the blame upon one man. While at the same time many seemed to think that other parties were more guilty than the one against whom witness testified. Excitement ran at high tide; there was scarcely a man, woman or child in the town but what could give an elaborate opinion of the case, though none of them had witnessed the shooting or but very few of them had heard the evidence. This was the condition of the case when the writer sent to the Saturday Evening Journal the facts in plain unvarnished language, and in strict accordance with the revealed facts as testified by the only witness. The report of the case created a good deal of comment, and brought down upon the head of the unfortunate writer strong disapproval, which, however, lay smoldering in the minds of the people all night. The next day being Sunday most of the village folk went to Sunday school in the morning, and after school (there being no preaching that day) congregated together and thoroughly discussed the fatal affair of a few days previous, and not forgetting to censure the correspondent who wrote up the affair, and denouncing him as an unfair prejudiced writer, and only willing to give one side of the case. Thus the matter ran. It seemed that their own one-sided judgment would not let them see that the writer gave an account of the fight which was based upon all the evidence before the court. They didn't want this, but instead such an account as would agree with their own peculiar ideas, or according to their own fancy as to how they would have it. This last narration, like the others, is only introduced to show that the people should not criticize too closely where the evidence will not bear them out in it.

MORAL.—If your ears are longer than your judgment, it's best not to listen too attentively, but your judgment becomes warped by hearing too much.

The person who found a box of bats, marked J. H. Williams, (governor of Wilbarger), on the Hannaville road will be suitably rewarded by returning them to this place.

Mr. C. B. Beatty has raised ripe tomatoes this season, a sample of which was on exhibition at this office on Thursday. They were good specimens and well developed and matured.

Mr. T. B. Hart and Miss May Wadsworth were married on last Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Wadsworth, on Cherokee, Rev. Jas. A. King performing the rites.

Mr. M. D. Wilks, of Alabama, brother of Mr. R. E. Wilks, of this place, is here and will locate in this section provided a favorable location is found. The gentleman wishes to purchase lands.

Mr. W. Williams appeared before Justice Thomas yesterday morning and pleaded guilty to having committed an assault on Mr. J. H. Martin, on Wednesday last week. A fine of five dollars was collected.

Attention is called to the fact that my bath house is in splendid condition for bathing. The water is pure and fresh. Prices as follows: two dollars for season tickets, one dollar per month, or ten cents per single bath. Children will be charged half price. 32-41 E. E. RUSIN.

The stone work on Mr. W. T. Murray's new building is completed. Mr. O'Reilly is the contractor. The front of the building is neatly finished with cut stone, and the sides and back, though not so well finished, are good and strong; altogether the work is first-class.

The proceedings of the Llano county Democratic convention were handed us on Saturday morning after our paper was made up and consequently came too late for this issue. The items published in regard to said convention were gained from another source. Will publish next week.

Mr. J. P. Ward and wife left on Monday for Ringgold, Georgia. Mr. Ward while absent expects to make a lecture tour throughout Georgia and other States, on the subject of Texas. The field is large, and Mr. Ward can exercise his full powers without exhausting the subject.

The Democracy of McCulloch county has just held a county convention, appointed delegates to the District and State conventions, and adopted a resolution favoring Mr. G. S. Plants as a suitable person to bring before the District convention as a candidate for the Legislature. Refer to Brady City letter.

A capias was served on Bob Rushin, now of this place, on Wednesday, and he was required to give a thousand-dollar bond. Accused is charged with the theft of four bales of cotton in McLennan county in 1875. It is said that the Rushin who stole the cotton, and the matter will be looked into further in order that the right man may be brought to trial.

Strayed or Stolen.

From me, at this place, on the 1st of May, one speckled gray horse, 6 or 7 years old, about 15 hands high, branded and counterbranded heart 6 connected on left shoulder, 6 on point of heart; branded also on left thigh TEC, the TE connected. I will pay a liberal reward for the delivery of said horse, or any information leading to his recovery. DEWITT KIRKPATRICK.

The postoffice at Red Bluff, this county, has been discontinued. Red Bluff is on the route to Lampasas, and being only ten miles from this place, we presume parties heretofore receiving mail at that place will hereafter get their mail at San Saba. The cause of the discontinuance of the office is owing, perhaps, that it paid very little to the government or the postmaster, and consequently no one cared to hold the office.

There is an orchard in this county whose owner has been in the habit in years past of hanging a horse shoe to a limb of each tree to prevent frost from injuring the fruit. While the practice was kept up the trees bore but little fruit, but since then they are yielding well. No superstition is attached to this affair at all, as it is likely the trees would bear now if each one of them had a half dozen horse shoes attached to them.

Maj. Jones arrived from Austin last night. His visit to this place will be attended with much good, as he comes with the purpose of maintaining order, and restoring confidence to the community. We have guarantees that the guilty will be punished and that the innocent will be protected in their rights under the law. The Major's good offices in times past in regulating such domestic disturbances, are well known, and such as will assure our people that whatever is done by him in the matter now before us will be for the best.

We are able to give the people assurance that perfect order prevails in town and throughout the county. This is very satisfactory, and worthy of note, when we take it in connection with the condition of affairs of last week. This change for the better, we think is owing principally to the presence of the small company of Rangers, under the command of Lieut. Arrington. This company, twelve in number, came from Coleman, and are quartered at the court house, and have in charge T. G. T. Kendall, charged with the murder of W. A. Brown on Tuesday of last week, and Wilson Hughes, an escaped convict. It is understood that the troops now here will remain only temporarily, and that another company will soon arrive, which will likely be stationed here for some time. We think it very essential that such should be the case, as there had been no very satisfactory degree of quiet or good order in town for some time previous to the arrival of the troops. We regret exceedingly to know that there is any occasion for these military demonstrations, as it is a reproach upon the county that the people are not able to regulate all domestic disturbances, but it has not been done. It is a matter of first and primal importance that good order be maintained, and that all men, whatever be their vocations, be protected while pursuing their calling. We hope that the State government will look to the interests of this county and her people, and station a few reliable men here to enforce the law and to preserve life. The squad of men here now are quiet, orderly and gentlemanly, and have done every thing to restore security to life, if not to restore confidence in the community.

It will be recollected that some time ago a suit was entered on the docket of the District Court which involved the title to lands on which a portion of this place is located. The style of the case is John H. Brown, et al., vs. Joe F. Brown, et al. The plaintiffs have held the land under deeds and by possession for many years, and the defendants have a patent for the land, which comprises about three hundred acres, and recently located the same as vacant land. Plaintiffs sued to have defendants' patent canceled and to have cloud removed from title. At the last term of the District Court for this place the case was transferred to Llano county, where it has just been decided in favor of plaintiffs, thus making the title rest in the original owners of the land, or the present occupants. As plaintiffs only sued to have the defendants' patent canceled as to the portion of land upon which the town was situated, the verdict of the court refers to this only, and therefore defendants Joe F. Brown, et al., remain in possession of about two hundred acres of the disputed tract which lies entirely out and south of town.

Mr. H. G. and Mrs. L. M. Cowell, of this county, recently came to the conclusion that their future happiness depended upon their separation, and accordingly entered into a mutual written agreement, duly acknowledged before a justice of the peace, W. R. Alexander, which sets forth the agreement as follows: The wife takes all the personal property, which comprises horses, cattle, hogs, chickens, household furniture, etc., and further agrees to contract no debts or accounts from the date of the agreement to which the husband will be liable to pay, and the husband, as his part of the agreement, after relinquishing all claim to said personal property, takes or reserves to himself two tracts of land of one hundred and sixty acres each, and binds himself to pay all claims against the late firm which have been made up to date of contract. The agreement is duly recorded in the clerk's office and is to be left with W. R. Alexander, Esq., for future reference. The couple have been married about thirty years, and take this step to avoid the expense and time necessary to a divorce, with the other reasons set forth above.

Having a desire to know the reason why so much travel should be going over the road towards Cherokee of late, our special reporter struck the happy thought of investigating the matter, when it came startlingly to his optics that the "half had not been told" of the beauties of Cherokee valley. The farms are beautiful, the valleys outside of the farms are beautiful, the creek is one of the best in the State, and the girls excel all else. It would seem that our special might find time to dwell on the last clause, but hesitating not he proceeds to describe: rare fields of grain, orchards of peaches, apples and cherries, and gardens in the highest state of cultivation. All of these attracted the eye of the reporter, indeed he was smitten with these things. He has an eye for beauty, in a manner that is, and he couldn't help but express himself when he returned, with loud ejaculations, in these words, "Behold, my days are numbered when I shall return to view those enchanted scenes again."

Wilson Hughes, an escaped convict, as it was sent from this county, was caught by the Rangers a few miles from town on Thursday, and is now under guard. Hughes was caught a few days ago at Fort Griffin, but made his escape.

Few people realize that there is as much difference in the quality of musical instruments as there really is. From the immense sales and flattering testimonials received by Mr. Daniel F. Beatty, of Washington, New Jersey, we are forced to the conclusion that his Pianos and Organs are first-class in every particular. Before buying, we would earnestly recommend all to write to Mr. Beatty. See his advertisement in this paper.

LLANO NEWS.

Court met last Monday. Town full of people. San Saba land case tried Tuesday, verdict for plaintiffs. Two hundred acres of Brown's patent, however, were not canceled. Convention met Monday night. J. M. Davis elected chairman. The chairman and others elected delegates to State convention. After much discussion delegates go unimpaired. J. M. Moore was the choice of Llano county for Representative, and the delegates were instructed to cast the vote of the county for him at the San Saba convention for this Representative district. The convention endorsed the course of F. V. Wilks as District Attorney and declared that we, the people of Llano county, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby solicit F. D. Wilks to become a candidate for re-election to said office. H. C. Fisher declined to be a candidate before the District convention for the Legislature. The majority of the people prefer Throckmorton, and Sayers for Lieutenant Governor, but will be satisfied with Ireland and Sayers. They have two prisoners in jail at Llano; one is as restless as a caged hyena, and they are compelled to have a guard all the time. Barney Tiernan has found a rich lead, lead, pocket, deposit or fissure, or something rich, in his mine. He has expended twenty thousand dollars in that hole in the earth and we hope he may find a bonanza. A Mr. Teague was convicted of unlawfully handling cattle and received a sentence of two years in the penitentiary.

COMMUNICATED.

RED VALLEY, LAMPASAS CO., TEXAS, May 27, 1878.

Editor News:

I will endeavor to give you the news from this section. We are having a splendid season, and I assure you it has improved the countenance of most every farmer, whose face had lengthened considerably during the crop failure of last year. The wheat harvest is about over. The yield will certainly be good and quality number one. Corn is tasseling and silking and promises an abundant yield also. There were two "Farmers' Alliances" formed in this best last week; one at McCurdy's school house, with some twenty-five members, and one at Conner's school house, with near the same number. I was at neither, but was shown a copy of their constitution and by laws. It seems to be an institution to protect farmers' stock and his interests generally, and to elevate him to a more exalted position, one to which his avocation well entitles him; to use all laudable means to get good men into the various civil offices, and to keep out such as whose sole aim is to live by the sweat of any one's brow save his own. Our county has been slightly afflicted with such, and we hope to use every means in honor's power to be healed. Through spite and malice this best has paid near \$500 during the last month, which is not as it should be by any Christian people. We have a good and peaceable neighborhood generally, many most excellent citizens, but like San Saba (with whom we deeply sympathize) sometimes brought into trouble which causes helpless women and little ones to suffer. The negro hanging at Williams Ranch has caused a great deal of talk, but as yet I believe no one has been arrested who is charged with the crime, but it is being looked after mighty close, and may bring the perpetrators to justice yet. We ate green corn yesterday. Who can beat it?

Respectfully yours, J. A. M.

Proceedings of the McCulloch County Convention.

BRADY, TEXAS, May 27, 1878.
On the day and year above mentioned there was held in Brady City a meeting of the citizens of McCulloch county, Texas, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention, to be held in Austin on the 17th day of July, 1878, to the District convention to be held at San Saba on the 25th day of June, 1878, and to the Congressional convention to be held at Brenham. Present and presiding, J. W. Spiva, Chairman Democratic Executive Committee, McCulloch county, Texas. Upon motion duly seconded Walter Anderson was elected secretary of the meeting. At the request of the Chairman, Judge B. Campbell stated the object of the meeting in a few concise and appropriate remarks. The meeting then proceeded to the election of delegates, which resulted as follows: B. Campbell, Tom O'Bryan and G. L. Beatty were elected delegates to the State convention to be held at Austin; J. W. Spiva, G. S. Plants, T. D. White, B. Campbell, Tom O'Bryan and G. L. Beatty were elected delegates to the District convention to be held at San Saba, and H. T. Eubank, Tom O'Bryan and G. S. Plants were elected delegates to the Congressional convention to be held at Brenham. Upon motion of Tom O'Bryan, duly seconded and carried, the Chairman appointed a committee of seven to report the sentiments of the county for district officers. A. G. Hightower, M. G. Hardee, Frank Andrews, L. C. Frier,

H. Campbell, H. T. Eubank and Tom O'Bryan were appointed, who, after deliberation, submitted the following report: "We, the committee appointed to suggest the name of some suitable person to represent this district in the next Legislature, would respectfully place the name of our worthy fellow citizen G. S. Plants before the people."

"Tom O'Bryan, Chm. Com."

Upon motion duly seconded the secretary was instructed to forward a copy of these proceedings to the San Saba News, to the Mason News Item, and to the Galveston News with a request that they be published.

The meeting then adjourned.

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